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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy #07-07, Wear and Appearance of Uniforms

1. REFERENCES:

- a. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 3 Feb 05.
- b. TRADOC Regulation 350-6, Training, Enlisted Initial Entry Training (IET) Policies and Administration, 30 December 2005.

2. PURPOSE: To establish policies and procedures for the US Army Maneuver Support Center and Fort Leonard Wood (USAMANSCE&FLW) regarding the wear and appearance of Army uniforms.

3. GENERAL: The Army is a service where discipline is judged, in part, by the manner in which a Soldier wears a prescribed uniform, as well as by the individual's personal appearance. Soldiers must project a military image that leaves no doubt that they live by a common military standard and abide by military order and discipline. All military uniforms will be worn in accordance with AR 670-1. The Interservice Training Review Organizations (ITRO) personnel (Navy, Marine, Air Force, and Coast Guard) will wear their uniforms according to their services' uniform policies. Army personnel are reminded that other services' uniforms and policies are different and are encouraged to become familiar with those policies, for example the Air Force personnel are authorized black T-shirts and the black watch cap can be worn as a headgear during cold weather with their Battle Dress Uniforms (BDUs). Also, female Airmen are authorized to wear earrings in BDU uniform. Clarification on the wear of military uniforms, as well as Initial Entry Training (IET) uniform policies, is outlined in the following paragraphs.

4. POLICY/PROCEDURES:

- a. Army Combat Uniform (ACU), BDU, and Desert Battle Dress Uniform (DBDU):
 - (1) The ACU, BDU, and DBDU are the standard duty uniform for normal duties on Fort Leonard Wood. It may be worn off-post except in establishments where alcohol is served (bars, clubs, lounges, etc.) as their principle business. The IET Soldiers will wear the Class A and B uniform when off-post unless on an overnight/weekend off-post pass when civilian clothes are authorized for wear.
 - (2) The ACU, BDU, and DBDU are authorized for commercial air travel both CONUS and OCONUS. The travel in uniform will be limited to Military Airlift Command (MAC) flights or American flagged air carriers when conducting official business.

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(3) The ear plug case will be worn under the ACU, BDU, or DBDU blouse on the front belt loop of the trousers or on the LBE when required for safety.

(4) Soldiers will not starch or use sizing on the ACU under any circumstances. The ACU is only authorized to be worn with sleeves down. The digital ACU covers with Shoulder Sleeve Insignia (SSI) of current organization and Shoulder Sleeve Insignia of Former War Time Service (SSI-FWTS) attached to the cover and worn over the ACU velcro pads are unauthorized for wear on the ACU. Additionally, non-standard patches and tabs (IET unit designation tabs) are not authorized for wear on any uniform. The ACU subdued (infra-red) US Flag will only be worn as directed by the commander in tactical or field conditions.

(5) There are no seasonal uniforms. For example, Soldiers may wear their Field Jacket, GORTEX jacket, black or foliage green fleece, or sleeves up or down with their BDU and DBDU according to their unit policy, except when mandatory uniforms are prescribed for formations and ceremonies by commanders.

(6) At the discretion of the Unit Commander and when required in the performance of duties, one electronic device can be worn on the belt, belt loops, or waist band of the ACU, BDU, and DBDU uniforms. The body of the device may not exceed 4x2x1 inches and the device carrying case must be black, no other colors are authorized for wear.

(7) Headphones or ear pieces including hands free/wireless electronic devices (example: blue tooth) are not authorized while wearing the ACU, BDU, and DBDU uniform, unless as a component of a piece of military equipment (example: the head set for a Mine Detector). The only exception is while operating a motor vehicle (the device must be immediately removed once a Soldier exits the vehicle).

(8) Camouflage or black personal hydration systems, (i.e. Camel Backs) may be worn outside the cantonment area (that is West of Indiana, South of Forney Field Water Tower, East of Oklahoma, and North of Pulaski Avenue). They will not be worn in the cantonment area. The only exception is when conducting tactical road marches. Soldiers will not let the drinking tube hang from their mouths when the device is not in use.

(9) The dark brown or tan knitted neck gator is authorized for optional wear during cold weather conditions and may be worn as a neck warmer, hood, balaclava, ear band, or hat in cold, windy, or dusty environments (treated as headgear and removed indoors in the cantonment area). The neck gator is a CIF issued item; IET Soldiers must return this item prior to out processing; therefore, when IET Soldiers have returned the neck gator to CIF during periods of cold weather, commanders may authorize the wear of the gray fleece/black watch cap when IET soldiers are wearing ACUs/BDUs while working outdoors to prevent cold weather injuries.

b. IPFU:

(1) The IPFU is the standard uniform worn during unit physical training sessions conducted between 0500-0800. Soldiers performing individual training are encouraged but not required to wear the IPFU. All personnel will wear a form of reflective

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material (belt, vest, etc.) when conducting individual physical training or as a member of a unit's PT formation (team and above). All formations will have appropriate road guards (front and back) and necessary safety equipment (reflective vests and flashlights) according to size of formation.

(2) The authorized components of the IPFU include gray and black jacket; black pants/black shorts; gray, moisture-wicking short-sleeved T-shirt/gray; moisture-wicking long-sleeved T-shirt; and the black knit cap. The jacket will be zipped and the T-shirt will be tucked into the shorts at all times (except for pregnant Soldiers) and jacket sleeves and pants legs will be worn down at all times.

(3) Authorized accessories for the IPFU include commercially purchased running shoes, calf-length or ankle length plain white socks with no logos ("booties" or socks that only come to the top of the shoe are not authorized to be worn with the IPFU), plain black gloves, the gray/black micro fleece cap, long underwear or other similar items appropriate to the weather conditions and type of activity. If Soldiers wear long underwear or similar items, they must be concealed from view. Soldiers may also wear gray or black spandex shorts or equivalent (biking shorts). The spandex shorts or equivalent will end above the knee and must be gray or black with no distinctive and visible markings or patterns (such as "Bike" or "Nike"). Soldiers will not be required to buy biking/equivalent shorts. Long underwear/similar items concealed from view may be worn with the IPFU. The Army Physical Fitness Badge is the only insignia authorized for wear on the IPFU and will be worn IAW AR 670-1.

(4) No electronic devices, including cell phones, stereo headphones or ear pieces including hands free/wireless devices (example: blue tooth) are authorized for wear with the IPFU. The only authorized exceptions are hands free devices while operating a motor vehicle (once a Soldier exits the vehicle, the device must be immediately removed), and stereo headphones while exercising in gymnasiums or on closed tracks that do not require crossing road intersections or roadways (example: Gerlach Field PT Track). Once individuals leave the gymnasiums, stereo headphones will be removed prior to departing the facility and no such devices will be worn while standing, walking, jogging or running on roadways IAW FLW Regulation 190-5, paragraph 2-10c.

(5) Civilian headgear, head/wristbands, and leg warmers will not be worn with the IPFU. Components of the IPFU may be worn with civilian attire; however, when worn complete, it will be worn as a military uniform (i.e. no ball caps, backpack, etc).

(6) A clean, unsoiled IPFU may be worn in all on-post facilities, to include the Bowling Alley, and off-post establishments, both on and off-duty. The IPFU will not be worn in any installation club facilities or off-post establishments that serve alcohol as their principle business.

c. Class A and Class B uniform.

(1) The IET Soldiers will wear either Class A or Class B uniforms or civilian clothes when authorized for wear on an overnight/weekend off-post pass.

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(2) At the discretion of the Commander, and when required in the performance of their duties, Soldiers may wear one electronic device on their belt, belt loops, or waist band on the Class A and Class B uniforms. The body of the device may not exceed 4x2x1 inches and the device carrying case must be black, no other colors authorized.

(3) Headphones/ear pieces for electronic devices are not authorized while wearing the Class A and Class B uniforms. The only exception is while operating a motor vehicle; once a Soldier exits the vehicle, the device must be immediately removed.

d. General areas of interest.

(1) Regardless of the uniform, appropriate protective helmets and safety gear will be worn when operating a bicycle or motorcycle.

(2) Whether on or off-post, all personnel will present a military appearance, which reflects pride in self and the military.

(3) Headgear. The black beret is the standard heargear with the ACU, BDU, DBDU, Class A and Class B uniforms. The ACU Patrol Cap, the ACU Sun (Boonie) Hat and the Micro Black Fleece Cap is worn with the ACU in field environments when the Kevlar helmet is not worn, on work details, or in other environments where the wear of the beret is impractical as determined by the commander (i.e. while in the motor pool conducting maintenance) At no time will any US Army permanent party personnel wear the ACU, BDU, or DBDU patrol cap in any AAFES or main post facility, the only exception is Soldiers in Basic Combat Training (BCT) who have not yet been issued the beret. All One Station Unit Training (OSUT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) Soldiers will adhere to TRADOC Regulation 350-6. Headgear will be worn at all times when operating a military vehicle whether a non-tactical vehicle (TMP vehicle) or a tactical vehicle.

(4) Body piercing. Soldiers may not attach, affix or display objects, articles, jewelry, or ornamentation to or through the skin while they are in uniform, in civilian clothes on duty or in civilian clothes off duty (this includes earrings for male Soldiers), when on any Army installation or other places under Army control. Such items are not authorized except when female Soldiers are allowed to wear earrings IAW AR 670-1. The term "skin" is not confined to external skin, but includes the tongue, lips, inside the mouth and other surfaces of the body not readily visible. Female Soldiers may wear earrings IAW AR 670-1.

(5) Black Bags. Soldiers may carry civilian bags, civilian rucksacks, or other similar civilian bags while in uniform. Soldiers may carry these bags by hand, on one shoulder strap, or over both shoulders using both shoulder straps. If the bag is carried over one shoulder, the bag must be carried on the same side of the body as the shoulder strap; therefore Soldiers may not carry the bags slung across the body with the strap over the opposite shoulder. If Soldiers choose to carry a shoulder bag while in uniform, the bag must be black, ACU universal pattern, or foliage green with no other colors or logos and the contents of the bag may not be visible; therefore, see-through plastic or mesh bags are unauthorized. There is no restriction on the color of civilian bags carried in the hands. Soldiers will not wear laundry bags or chemical protective over-garment bags as a backpack.

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(6) Gloves. Gloves are authorized for wear with or without cold weather outer garments. Soldiers may wear the black leather shell gloves with utility uniforms (ACU, BDU, DBDU) without cold weather outer garments, provided sleeves are rolled down. Soldiers will not wear the inserts without the leather shell gloves when worn with the utility uniforms and cold weather outer garments.

(7) Uniform and equipment items issued for use in a deployed environment (OIF/OEF) through the Rapid Fielding Initiative (RFI) are not automatically authorized for wear upon return from deployment. The base document for items not covered in this policy letter is AR 670-1 (and equivalent uniform regulations for ITRO service members).

5. SUPERSESSION: This policy supersedes the memorandum #07-06, Wear and Appearance of Uniforms, dated 5 April 2006. Uniform standards will continue to change as the Army transforms. As changes in uniform policy occur, the Commanding General, USAMANSCE&FLW will make implementation decisions based upon recommendations by the USAMANSCE&FLW CSM.

6. PROPONENT: The proponent for this policy letter is the USAMANSCE&FLW CSM at 563-6151/6149.


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